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RIYADH PASS VANCE PARTY

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SUBJECT: SAUDI PRESS COVERAGE, VANCE MISSION, FEBRUARY 19

1. VANCE'S GUARDEDLY - OPTIMISTIC STATEMENTS TO JOURNALISTS
IN BEIRUT CONCERNING RESOLUTION MIDDLE EAST CRISIS, 50
MILLION DOLLAR AID PACKGE TO LEBANON AND PRESIDENT CARTER'S
INVITATION TO MIDDLE EAST LEADERS TO MEET WITH HIM, RECEIVED
PROMINENT FRONT-PAGE COVERAGE ALL MAJOR DAILIES IN ANTICIPATION
OF IMMINENT ARRIVAL VANCE MISSION RIYADH.

2. EDITORIAL COMMENT WAS LIGHT. FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL ARABIC
LANGUAGE UKAZ SAID U.S. MUST CONVINCE ARABS OF ROLE IT IS
PLAYING TO BRING ABOUT JIST PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST. INSIDE
EDITORIAL ENGLIDH-LANGUAGE ARAB NEWS OBSERVED WHILE VANCE
IS ON FACT-FINDING TOUR REGARDING MIDDLE EAST CRISIS,
ECONOMIC AID TO NEEDY NATIONS IN REGION AND SUBREGIONAL
STABILITY ARE ALSO DISCUSSION TOPICS IN THE CAPITALS HE
IS VISITING. IN REFERRING TO RIYADH VISIT AND SADAT'S
RECENT NOMINATION CROWN PRINCE FAHD AS ARAB SPOKESMAN
WITH CARTER, SAME EDITORIAL CONCLUDED: "AS FOR MR. VANCE
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HIMSELF, HE WILL BE WISE TO LISTEN CAREFULLY TO WHAT THE
SAUDIS HAVE TO SAY -- BOTH ON THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM AND
QUESTIONS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. THE SAUDIS HAVE ALREADY GOT
THE ARAB GROUP SOLIDLY BEHIND THEM AND THEY ARE IN A
POSITION TO DIRECT THE ARAB MOVEMENT ON THE ROAD OF
SETTLEMENT.
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